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1. Between 1030 and 1700 on 28 December 1954, Rothenburg Airfield was observed. The weather was very dull and rainy. No activity was observed on the field. Individual Soviet sentries wearing capes were seen in dug-outs along the above-mentioned road. The landing field was covered with mud and puddles. The runway could not be seen. Trails up to  $\frac{1}{2}$  meter in width presumably from caterpillar tractors were observed on the western edge of the field. [redacted] the tractors had been used for aircraft. The above-ground buildings belonging to the airfield were located in the woods and at the edge of the woods in the eastern section. [redacted] No activity or vehicular traffic were seen in this area.

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2. [redacted] about 2 weeks before Christmas, when unfavorable weather started, many aircraft had left the field and headed in an unknown direction. The type or former location of the aircraft could not be determined. [redacted]

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[redacted] Comment. The arrival of aircraft at Rothenburg airfield was expected upon completion of the installation.

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It was not possible to cover the field at that time. It is believed that Rothenburg airfield was occupied by an air unit for the first time in late November or early December 1954.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The arrival of aircraft at [REDACTED] field [REDACTED] installation [REDACTED] possible to [REDACTED] airfield was occupied by an air unit for the first time in late November or early December 1954.

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